Accelerating the SDG's in the New York Metropolitan Region

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



The Fourth Regional Plan

The New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Region in 2040

Nature - Agriculture and protected open space, hiking trails
Coastline - Waterbodies and wetlands, 2050 flood zone, sea level rise 2040
Transportation - Regional rail and main roads
Population - Projected growth areas for 2040
Jobs - Projected growth areas for 2040
Places of Interest - Downtowns, edge cities and corridors

Image: ORG Permanent Modernity for the Fourth Regional Plan

Since 1922, Regional Plan Association has prepared long-range plans for the tri-state metropolitan region





3 States

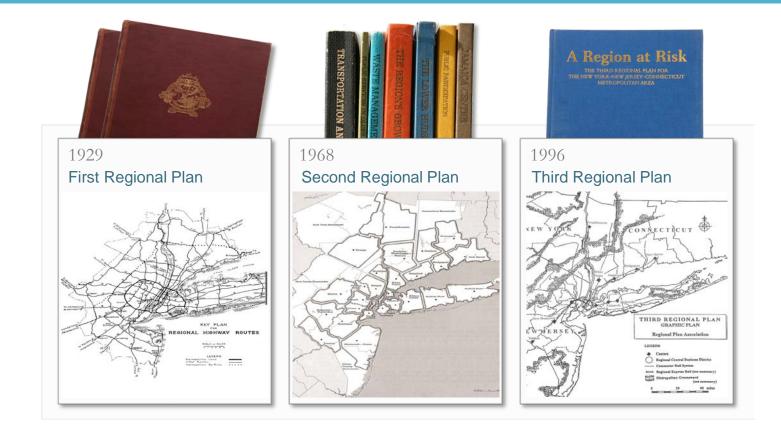
31 Counties

782 Cities and Towns

23 Million Residents



Three Regional Plans





The Fourth Regional Plan







Equity Health Prosperity Sustainability

Fix the institutions that are failing us

Rise to the challenge of climate change

Create a dynamic, customer-



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- Put a price on driving, through congestion pricing, tolling and eventually VMT fees
- Reform our regional transportation authorities and reduce the costs of building new transit projects
- Price GHG emissions using California's comprehensive approach
- Establish a Regional Coastal Commission and state adaptation funds
- Increase civic engagement and make planning and development more inclusive, predictable and efficient

Congestion Pricing

- Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority in charge
- MOU with NYCDOT
- Implementation no sooner than 1/1/21
- \$15B
- 80% to NYC subways and buses, 20% to commuter rail
- Exemptions/credits



Rise to the challenge of climate change

- Establish a National Park in the Meadowlands
- Protect places where the densities justify it; transition away from lower-density places or places at particularly high risk
- Create a modern, smarter, greener energy grid

The Meadowlands 2017

Transform the Meadowlands into a National Park



Make the region affordable for everyone

- Create a million additional new homes (beyond base case) mostly in transit-accessible locations, and across a range of price points
- Create well-paying job opportunities throughout the region
- Turn environmentally burdened neighborhoods into healthy communities

We can create a half million new homes without any new construction.

Create a dynamic, customer-oriented transportation system

- Expand Trans-Hudson capacity and expand regional connectivity with a unified, integrated, expanded regional rail
- Totally reconstruct and modernize the subway within 15 years
- Design streets for people & open up more public space in the urban core
- Expand and redesign Kennedy and Newark airports to increase capacity

